

Key Principles for CDCR's Approach to Reducing Adult Programs

- Provision II of the Budget Act of 2009 required that CDCR implement the reductions to rehabilitative programming "consistent with the following requirements":
 - (a) the department shall prioritize the preservation of programs for which there is evidence - based on studies of the programs operated by the department or in the national literature – that they are effective at reducing recidivism
 - (b) the department shall seek to achieve savings through more efficient operations in the delivery of these programs
 - (c) the department shall seek to place inmates and parolees into programs for which they are best suited by prioritizing the placement of offenders who are assessed as higher risk to reoffend, demonstrate a significant need for the services provided for a particular program, and who have a sufficient amount of time left to serve in prison to reasonably complete the program or, at a minimum, make a reasonable amount of progress that is possible to have an impact on their likelihood of recidivating
 - (d) the department shall seek to prioritize the elimination of vacant positions over laying off existing staff
 - (e) the department shall seek to use available resources to maximize the number of inmates and parolees who have access to and complete programs
 - (f) the department shall seek to maximize the use of federal or other funds to maintain or enhance inmate and parolee programs

Target Population

Program	Risk Level	Criminogenic Need (COMPAS and Secondary Assessment)	Time Left to Serve*
Substance Abuse Treatment	Moderate-to-high risk to recidivate	Moderate-to-high need on COMPAS	5-7 months left to serve or lifers within a specified period of a parole suitability hearing
Academic Education	Moderate-to-high risk to recidivate	Reading score below 9.0 on TABE (PC 2053.1) Inmates without a GED	12-36 months left to serve or lifers within 36 months of a parole suitability hearing
Vocational Education	Moderate-to-high risk to recidivate	First priority will be given to those inmates who have received a high school diploma or a GED certificate, but enrollment will not be limited to these students	12-24 months left to serve or lifers within 36 months of a parole suitability hearing

*Exact specifications still to be determined.